Agreement signed between India and Britain in power sector

†838. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement has been signed between India and Britain in the power sector; and

(b) if so, the details of the said agreement and by when the same is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Minister of Power to U.K. in the last week of June, 2002, a MoU was signed between India and U.K. for cooperation in the power sector. The MoU *inter alia,* envisages establishment of a Joint Power Sector Working Group to promote and facilitate reforms in the power sector. It also envisages sector related studies, exchange of experts and other forms of cooperation in power generation, transmission and distribution. The MoU also speaks of cooperation in the field of power by sharing information, experience and best practices. This MoU is valid initially for a period of three years.

Implementation of APDP in Krishna and Prakasam district of A.P.

839. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern power distribution company of Andhra Pradesh has sent proposals to the Union Government to extend the Accelerated Power Development Programme to Krishna and Prakasam district being currently implemented in Chitoor district of the State with Central Assistance;

(b) if so, whether the Chittoor district for the first time has been selected by the Union Government for implementation of APDP at a cost of Rs. 33 crore;

(c) whether the Union Government has accepted the proposal; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be cleared?

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